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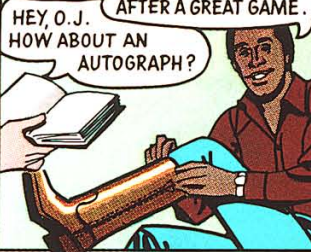
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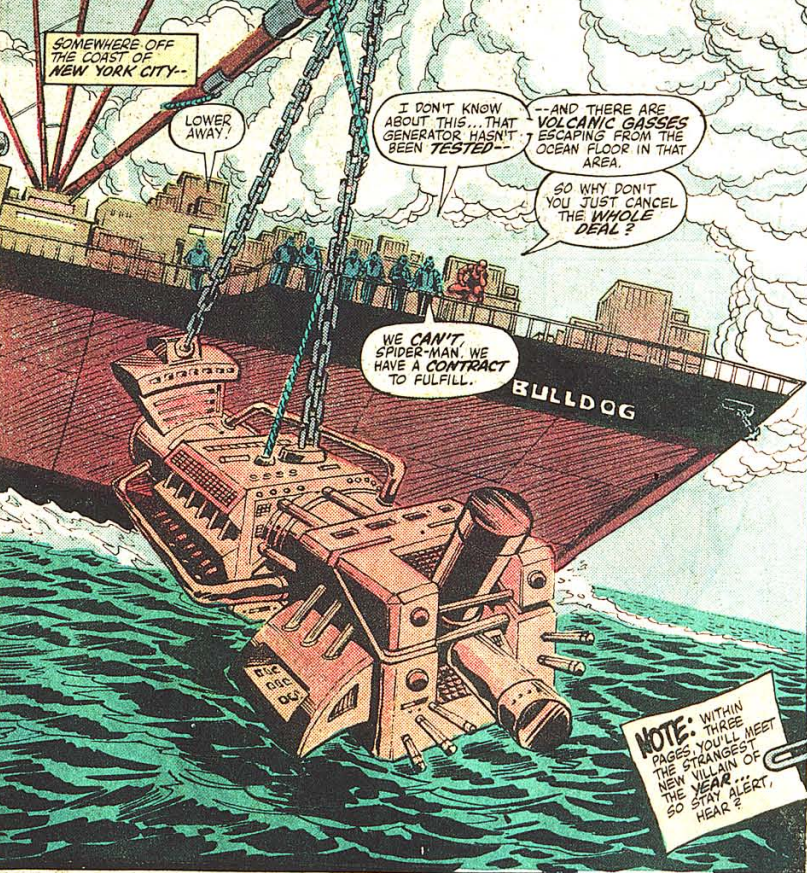


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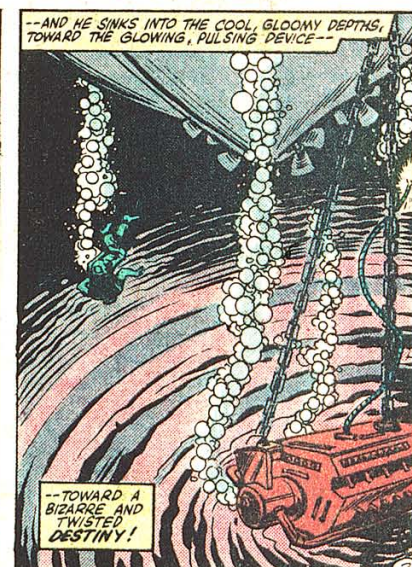
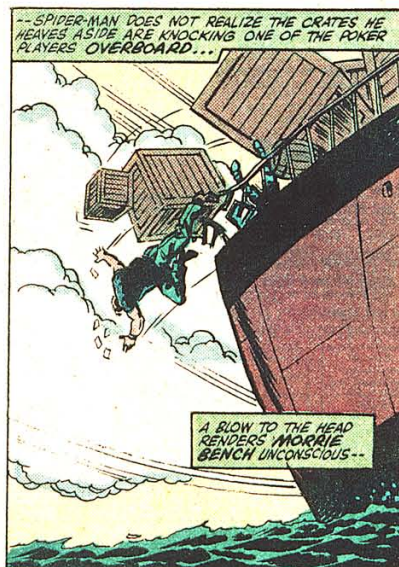
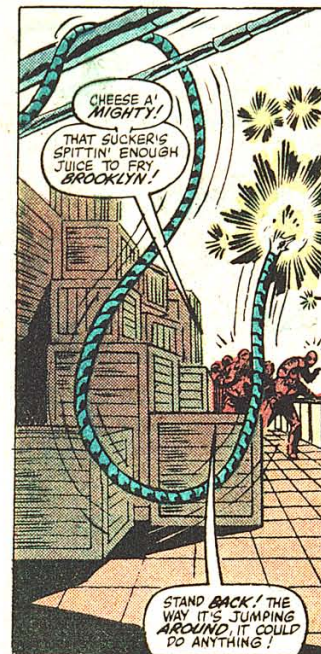
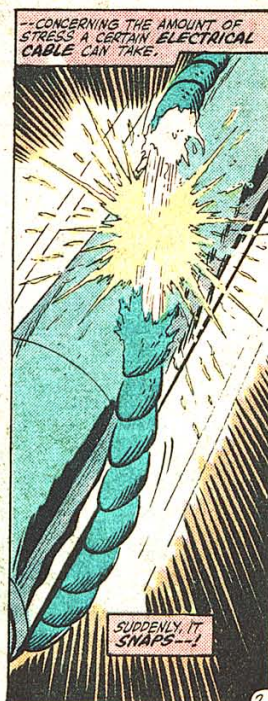
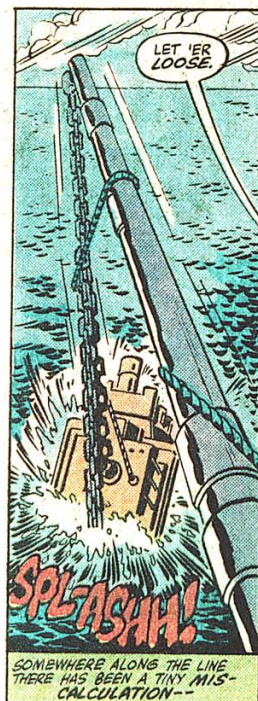
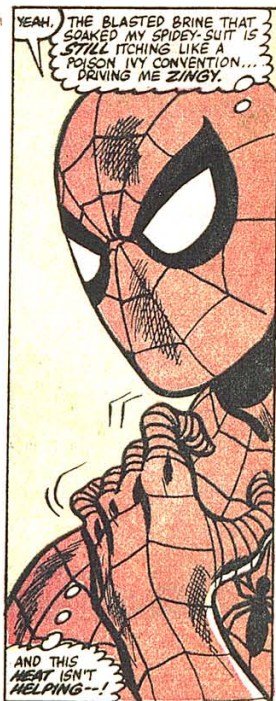
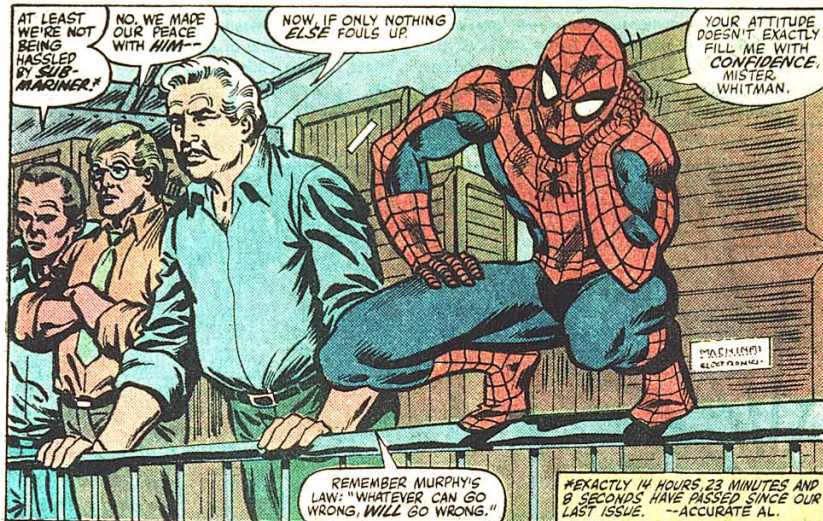
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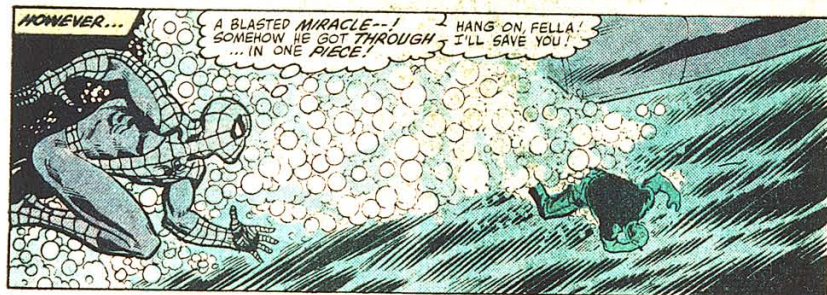
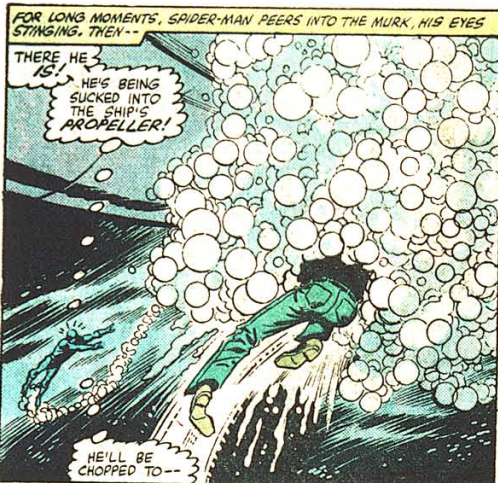
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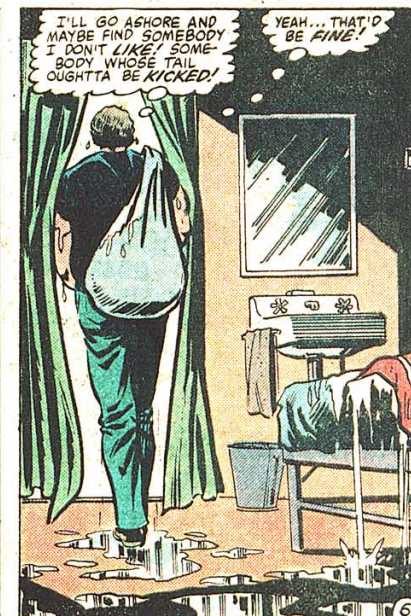
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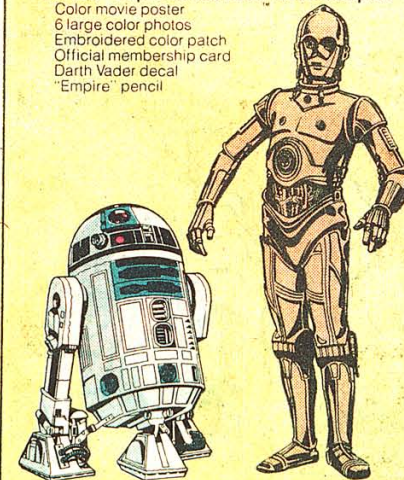
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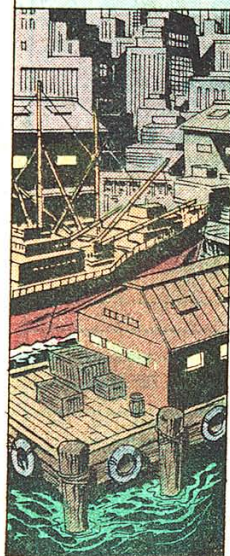
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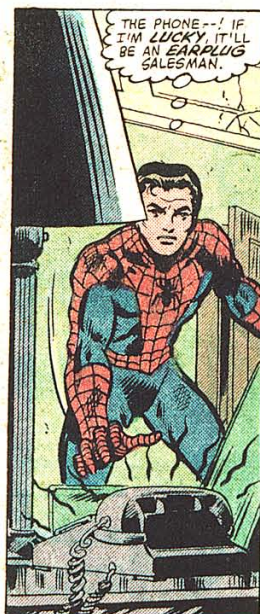
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IF AN DON'T GET TO KISS YEW I WILL SURELY SCOWL!

--LOUPE AND ROTTENET THAN EVER.

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THE PHONE--! IF I'M LUCKY, IT'LL BE AN EARPLUG SALESMAN.



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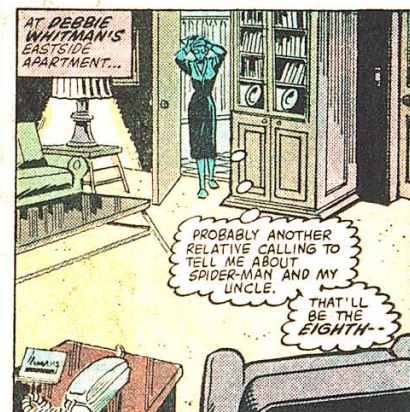
Y'KNOW... KIDDIES FROLICKING IN THE FOUNTAINS AND THAT GARBAGE.

STRICTLY FREELANCE. Y'UNDERSTAND, YOU'RE NOT BACK ON THE PAYROLL!



THEN--

I'LL GIVE DEBBIE A RING. SHE MIGHT LIKE TO BOP AROUND TOWN WITH ME-- ESPECIALLY IF THE BUGLE'S PAYING CAB FARE.



AT DEBBIE WHITMAN'S EASTSIDE APARTMENT...

PROBABLY ANOTHER RELATIVE CALLING TO TELL ME ABOUT SPIDER-MAN AND MY UNCLE.

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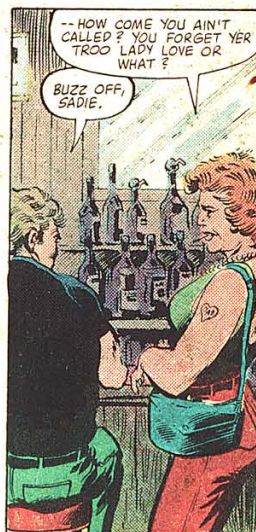
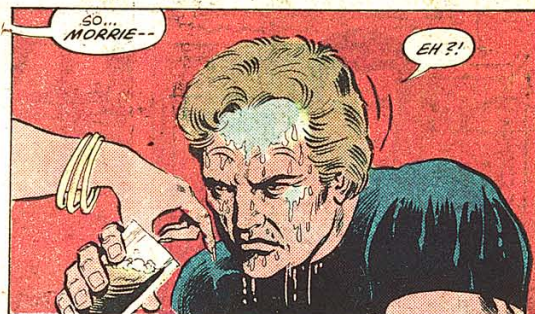
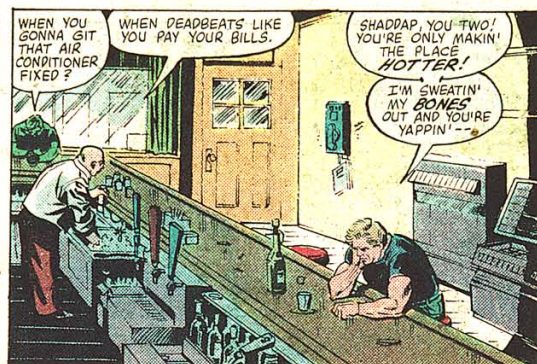
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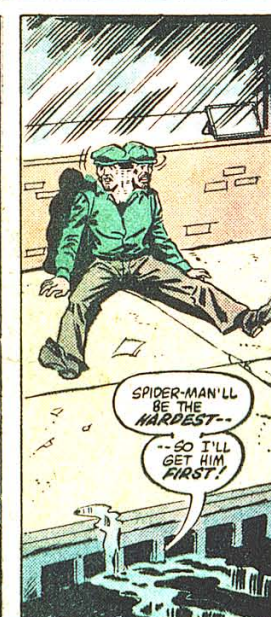
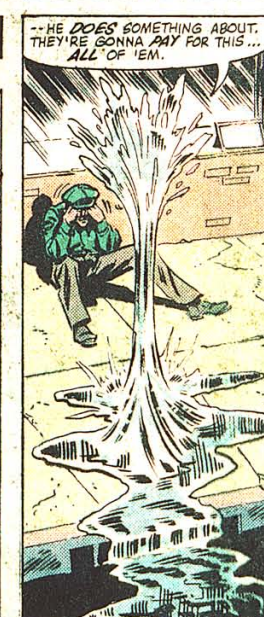
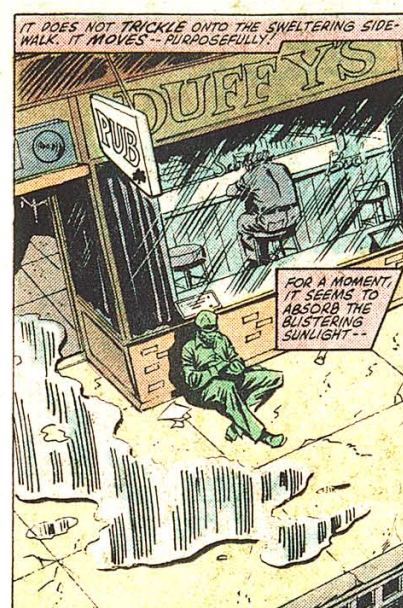
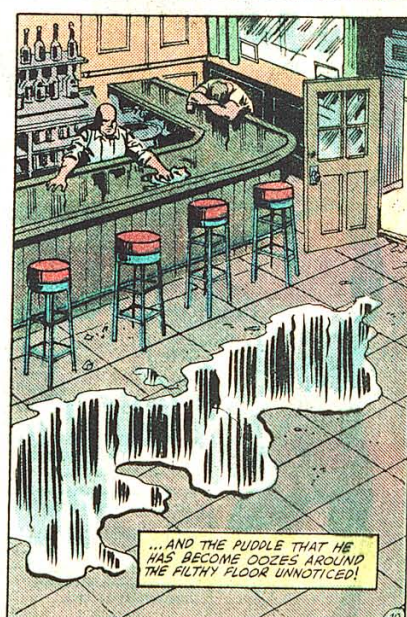
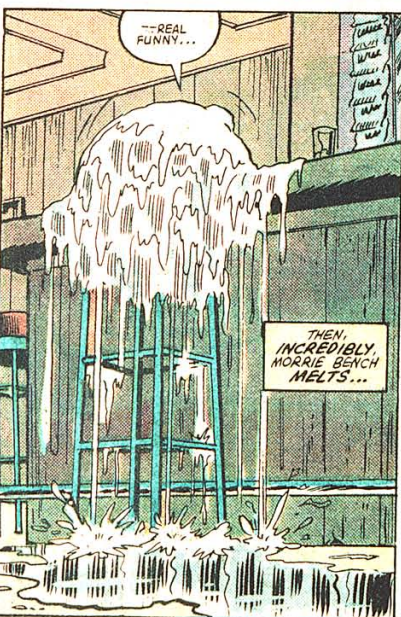
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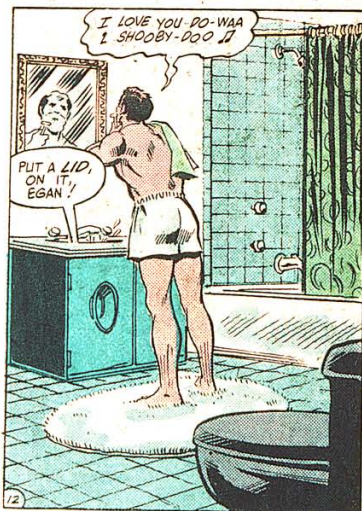
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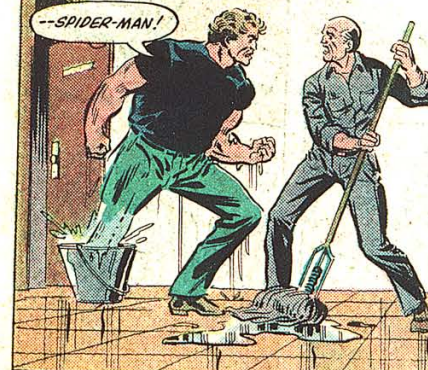
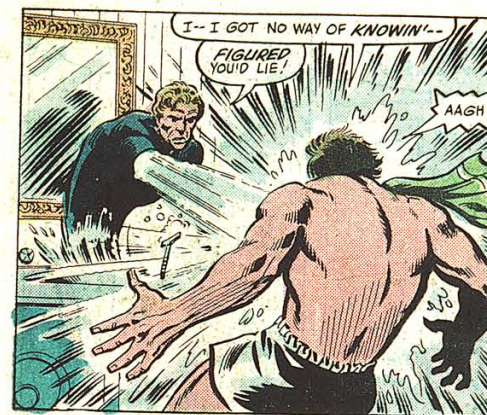
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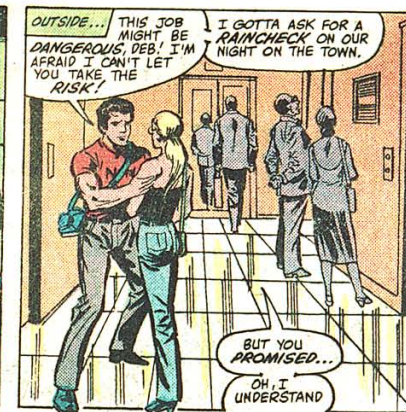
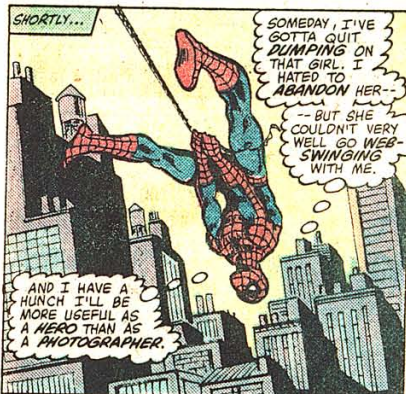
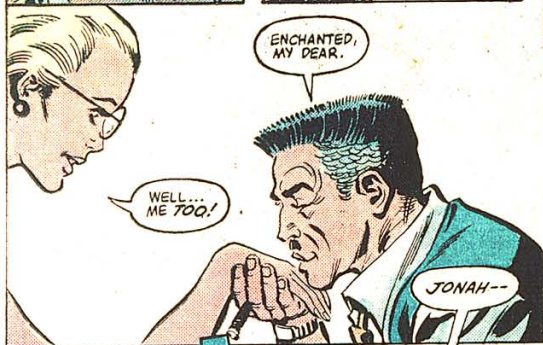




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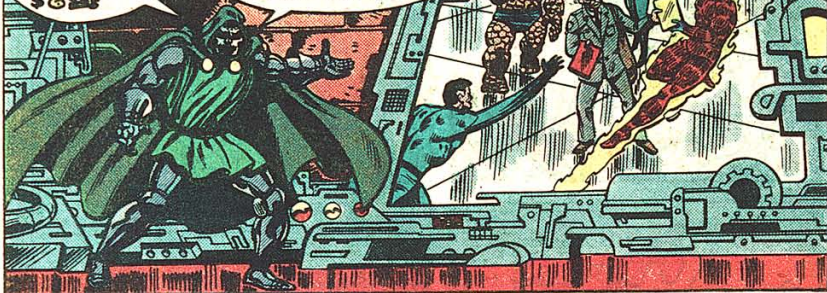


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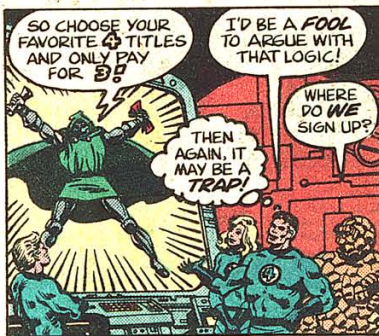


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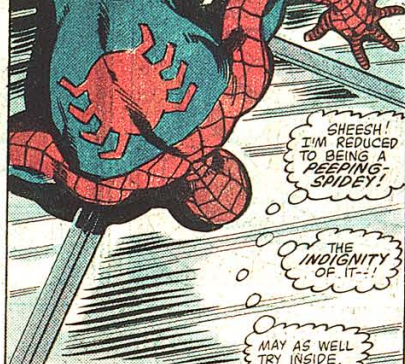
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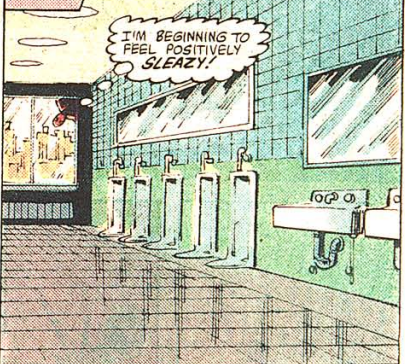


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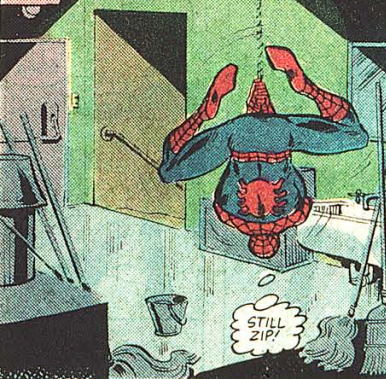
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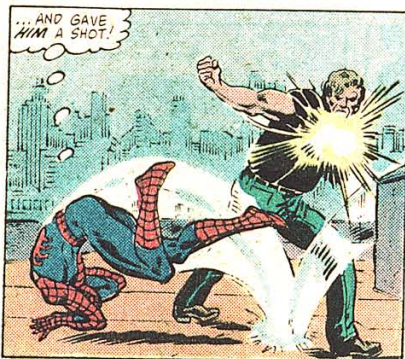
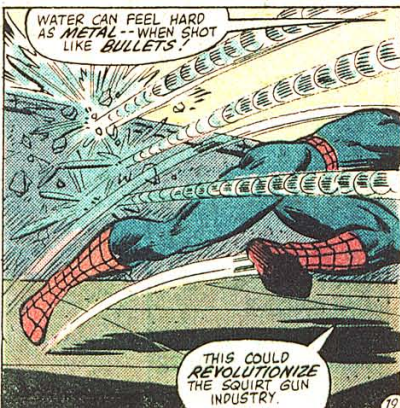
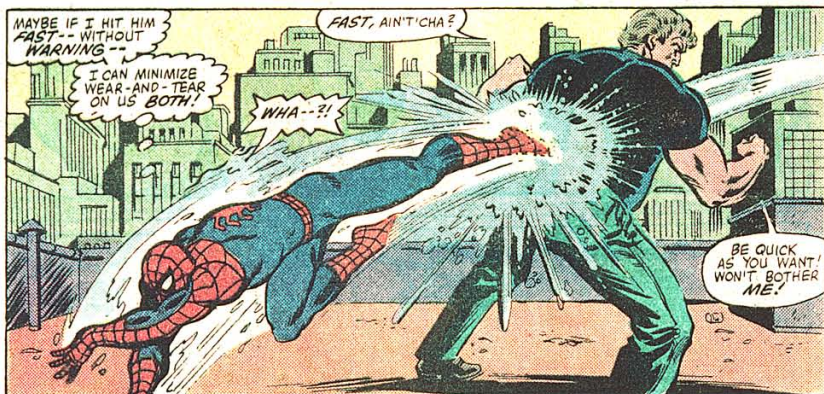
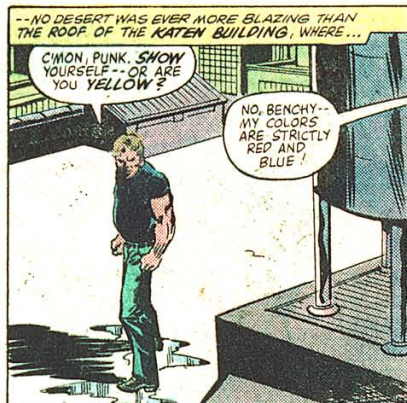
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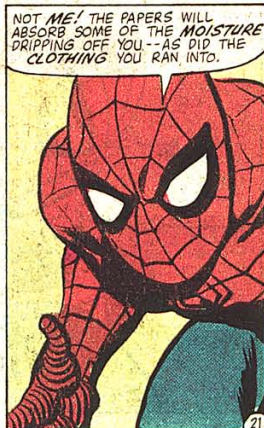
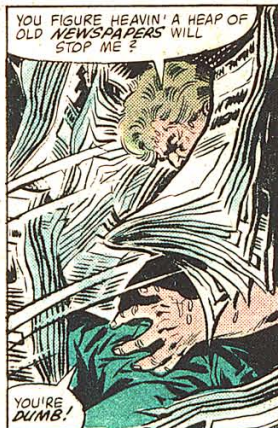
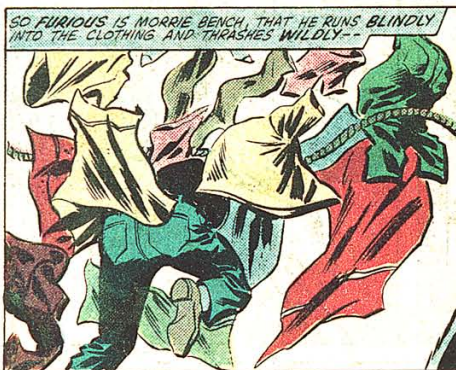
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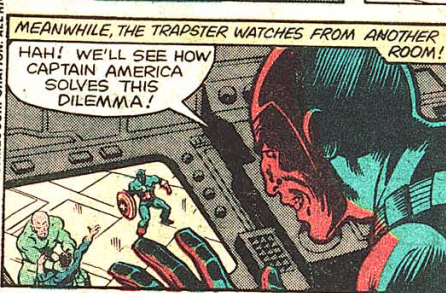
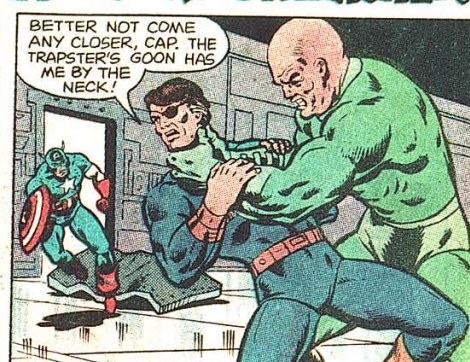
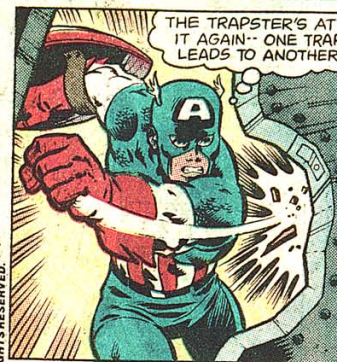
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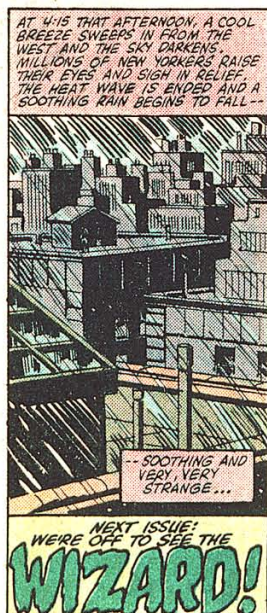
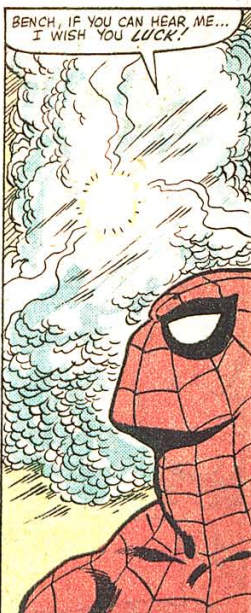
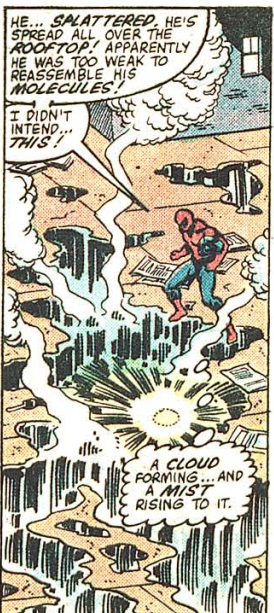
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Dear Spider-Man People,
SPIDER-MAN #207 was fantastic. Let's have more like it. I had never seen or heard of Mesmero before, but you guys made him very enjoyable. Here is my analysis of this issue on a scale from one to ten:

Script (Denny O'Neill) — 9
Penciling (Jim Mooney) — 10
Inking (P. Marcos) — 10
Lettering (Jim Novak) — 10
Coloring (Ben Sean) — 9

All in all, a great comic book.
Now, here is a question: I have always wanted to find the answer to: You guys say that Spidey's web shooters are activated by a super-sensitive electrode located at the palm of his hand. If this electrode is so sensitive, how come Spidey's web shooters don't fire when he makes a fist?

So, until J.J.J. shaves his moustache, Make Mine Marvel!

Mark Laxton
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—Denny.

Dear Marvellous Men on Madison Ave.,
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #207 was a decent issue of my favorite wall crawling person (and I don't have many of those.) I'd just like to wish Denny O'Neill the best of luck at his "new home."

Michael Laitman
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—Denny

Thanks, Mike.
Dear Marvel,
Here's a poem on your comics:
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I really liked the first page where you had that poster with Spidey and Mesmero on it — that was really something different. And on page 7, panel 2, on that bus, the poster said, "Read Epic." You had to put that in, didn't you?

Jim Mazurowski
218 South Ogden St.
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Well, Jim, we didn't exactly have to, but Amiable Archie Goodwin — editor of that selfsame EPIC — is glad we did.

Dear Denny,
Welcome. It's nice to have you aboard as the new writer on one of Marvel's top titles. As for your Spidey story in #207, it wasn't bad. Nice touch, having Mesmero try to go legit. But one part of the story irks me: Debra Whitman's relationship with Pete. Surely there must be ONE instance where he doesn't have to dump her to change to Spidey. Work on it, please.

John A. Wilcox
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Dear People,
Debra Whitman is quiet, nervous, insecure... remind you of anyone? Peter Parker has had his share of strong women in his

life. It seems like Pete has always been the less dynamic of the two persons involved. Betty Brant, Gwen Stacy and especially Mary Jane Watson were all really outgoing people, really strong personalities. It's nice to see Pete the more dominant of the two. Let's face it, being Spider-Man for so long has to have rubbed off a little on Pete's confidence and self-assurance.

By the way, how did an attractive girl like her manage to stay so shy and lonely? It's a cliché I wouldn't have passed by. Please explain this. I'd like to meet her family. She's my kind of girl. Thank you.

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You met Deb's uncle last month, Dave, and you saw him again in this issue. We agree that Debbie is an interesting character from the female dynamic Pete usually deals with, and you can expect to learn lots more about her in the coming months. (By the way, Deb plays a small but lively part in the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL, which you might want to check out.)

—Denny

Hear Ye Purveyors of Comics,
I, Sir Steven John Balla III, purveyor of the proverbial quill pen, would like to heartily thank you for pitting Sir Peter Parker I, or Spider-Man, as you would put it, in a great joust against Mesmero, Esq. I enjoyed it to the fullest.

Faithful Knight of the Round Table, "Hothead" Jameson, as I refer to him, is back, much to my distaste. I don't believe he has, as you might say, "both oars in the water."

Sir Steven John Balla III
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Yeah, but you have to admit that Jameson made a splash in the comics world. (Ouch! We just gotta stop having breakfast with the Beast.)

—Denny

Dear Denny,
Since I have been a Spider-Man fan for about three years now, I felt it was about time I wrote a letter telling you what I think.

One thing I like about Pete's adventures is that they could be perfectly real, and yet they cannot be. He goes through life and manages to flunk college due to a physical education class he forgot to take. His girlfriend is killed by a raving lunatic. It could happen to anybody.

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People criticize you, find faults with the things the characters say, but then people do that they must go through the book with a very closed mind looking for faults and things they can criticize. But you are only human, and I do not expect you to be perfect.

Mark Edwin Robertson
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We're... not perfect? Okay, but you won't tell Stan, will you?
A brief, personal and not-too-itchy note: A couple of people who were nice enough to write in welcomed me to Marvel. I'm glad to be here, and I'm particularly glad to be helping with Spider-Man. It'll be an adventure in the coming months and I hope you'll share it with me. Till then —

Denny

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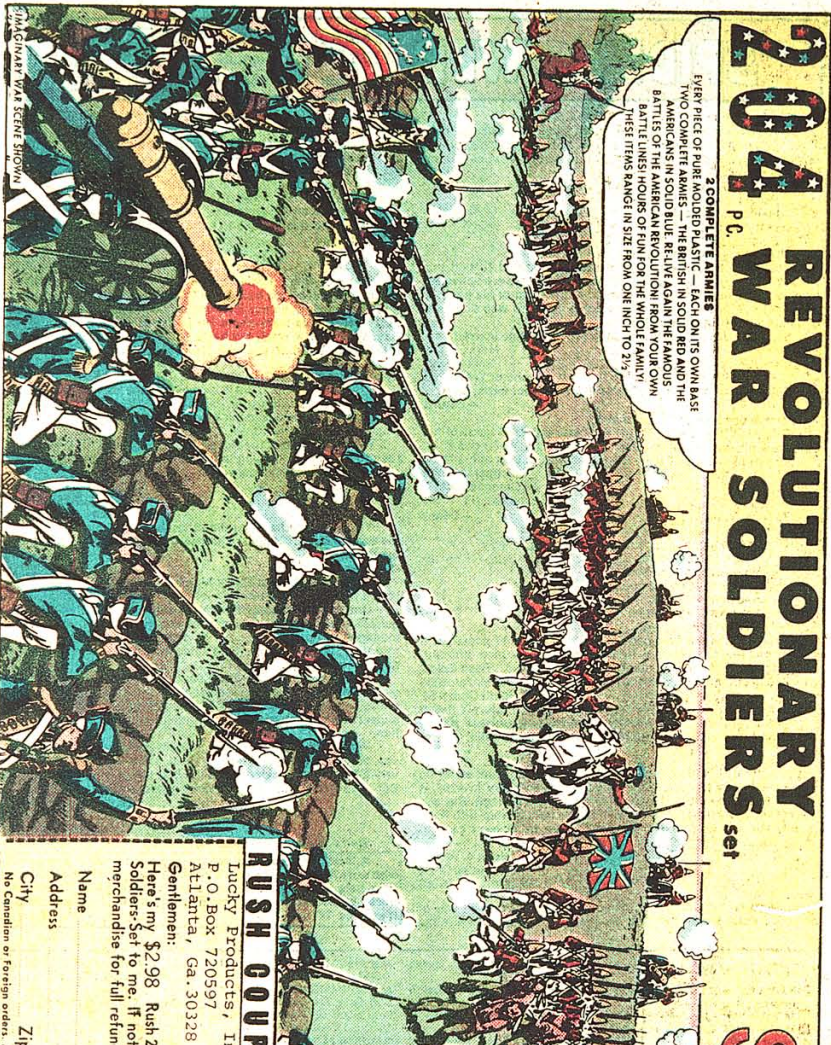
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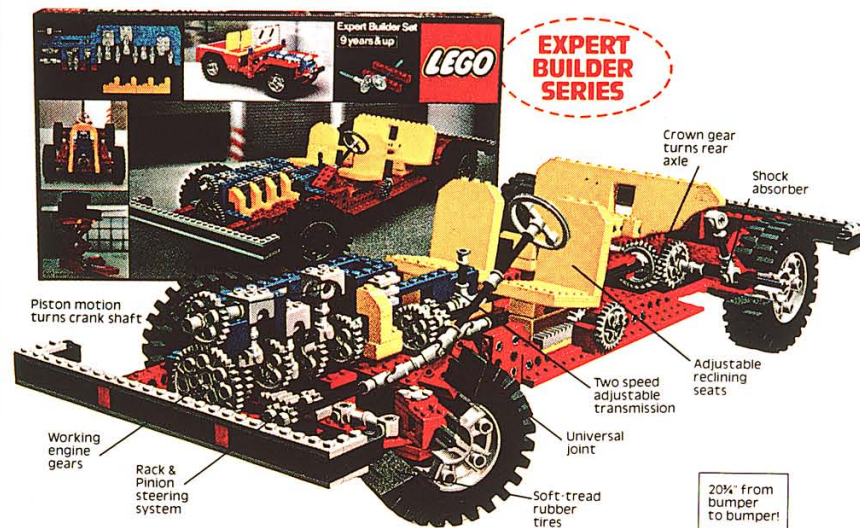
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